

SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON 7 November 1962
at 3.00 p.m.

<u>Present</u> :	I.C.R.C.	- Ambassador Paul J. Ruegger Mr. Melchior Borsinger
	CUBA	- Ambassador Carlos M. Lechuga
	Secretariat	- Mr. Omar Loutfi Brigadier I.J. Rikhye Mr. Y. Akashi

Mr. Ruegger stated that the Red Cross was taking this unprecedented step for international peace. He said that the agreement of the three parties was essential preliminary condition to the Red Cross undertaking with regard to the Cuban question. He emphasized the impartiality and independence of the Red Cross.

Mr. Lechuga asked whether this inspection was on the high seas or on Cuban territory.

Mr. Ruegger said that the request of the Secretary-General was only for inspection on the "high seas".

Mr. Lechuga stated that he would agree to the high seas inspection in principle, subject to his Government's instructions. He hoped that by tomorrow morning his Government's reply on this question will have arrived.

He expressed appreciation for the work done by the Red Cross in Cuba during the period of fighting in the Sierra Maestra mountains.